

the National Guard's interests in the most complex novel litigation against the National Guard. Specifically, he worked tirelessly with the Office of the Solicitor General on several cases concerning National Guard members' State and Federal military service, benefits, and employment protections before the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Doyle was also instrumental in drafting and implementing key reform legislation that improved the workplace conditions and benefits for 54,000 National Guard military technicians and civil service employees in the 54 States, Territories, and the District of Columbia. He also led the effort to overhaul the National Guard Discrimination Complaint Program, the first in the program's 21 years of existence, to ensure that the National Guard in the 54 States, Territories, and the District of Columbia maintains a workplace free of unlawful employment discrimination.

Mr. Doyle has dedicated his entire career to public service, improving the quality of employment conditions for Federal civilian employees and Air Force and National Guard servicemembers. He did so by changing minds person by person, by litigating case by case, and by providing technical assistance for statutory drafting line by line. Throughout his career, Mr. Doyle also mentored countless employment and labor relations military and civil service attorneys nationwide. For many attorneys, Mr. Doyle was often their first port of call when facing a complicated employment law case or when they just needed words of encouragement. Because of his legal advocacy and effect on those whom he influenced, Mr. Doyle's impact on labor and employment law will be felt for many years to come, as will his impact on the many, many lives he changed for the better.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CENTENNIAL OF THE CLEVELAND BRADLEY COUNTY LIBRARY

• Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, it is an honor to join my friends in Bradley County, TN, as they gather for the centennial celebration of their beloved library.

The Cleveland Bradley County Public Library is more than just a repository for books and historic documents. When a dedicated group of local leaders first opened its doors in 1923, they did so knowing that there were no taxpayer funds available to support their vision of the library as a hub for local life. Not to be deterred, the community came together. Organizations like the Kiwanis Club held fundraisers to "keep the lights on," and the Women's Club held annual "book showers" to keep the shelves full.

That dedication to the pursuit of knowledge and community continues to this day. I want to thank Bradley County Mayor Gary Davis, city of

Cleveland Mayor Kevin Brooks, and the library's many employees and patrons for supporting this unique and essential institution. I believe I speak for all Tennesseans when I say that I cannot wait to see what the next 100 years holds for you.●

REMEMBERING MABEL DESMOND

• Mr. KING. Mr. President, it would be hard to put into words what Mabel Desmond meant to me, to her family, to her community, or to the State of Maine.

To say that Mabel put service into every part of who she was is an understatement. I knew Mabel for her dedication to her constituents in Aroostook County and for relentlessly seeking what she felt would be in the greater good of the State. That same quality applied to her life as a mother, as a teacher, and as a friend. Her determination to make a difference echoed throughout her life in countless ways. She knew that one person striving to do the right things and being kind mattered.

Mabel's distinguished political career from 1994–2002 was during the same time I served as Maine's Governor. It was clear right away that she was a serious lawmaker; not one that would just go along with a plan, not one who made any assumptions, and not one that could be intimidated.

I grew to deeply admire her conviction over the years but never so much as when she was the lone voice on the education committee who would support the Maine Learning Technology Initiative "laptop" program, keeping the idea alive in the face of almost overwhelming opposition. This act of courage on an idea I was passionate about as Governor—and still so proud of today—has made an immense difference for now decades of Maine students. As a teacher, she "got it," and the respect which her colleagues in the legislature had for her was a key factor in the passage of the program. So many success stories of kids who were able to pursue their dreams, all because of Mabel's unshakable belief in a better future.

Mabel was my friend, someone I looked up to, someone who taught me the value of thoughtful decision making. I will be forever grateful to have known and worked with her and will miss her dearly.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations

which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 619. An act to require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID-19, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 140. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit Federal employees from advocating for censorship of viewpoints in their official capacity, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 27. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'".

The message also announced that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 501(b), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following Members to the House Communications Standards Commission: Mr. Morelle of New York, Mr. Sherman of California, and Ms. Underwood of Illinois.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 26. Joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022.

The enrolled joint resolution was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 140. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit Federal employees from advocating for censorship of viewpoints in their official capacity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 775. A bill to provide for increased transparency in generic drug applications; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.